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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Anthony D. Barfield	3636	

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7-16 and 19-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 6, 17 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Election/Restrictions***

1. Applicant's election without traverse of species I, Figures 1-12 in the reply filed on 1/9/07 is acknowledged.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4,7,10,14-16,19-20,23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Anacker. Anacker shows the use of a first and second side frame members (12), having first and second support members (27,23) coupled thereto along with first and second cross members (29,30) coupling the first and second side frame members. An operating surface member (18,19,22) is supported by the first and second cross members in a first configuration (Fig. 4), and the first and support members support the operating surface in a second configuration (see Fig. 1). The operating surface member has a first and second operating surface portion connected inherently by a living hinge. Anacker further shows the use of an additional operating member (41) being proximate to the first operating surface member to function as a seat back.
4. Claims 1-4,8-9,14-16,20-22, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Casini. Casini shows the use of a first and second side frame members (1), having first and second support members (10) coupled thereto along with first and second cross members (10)

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coupling the first and second side frame members. An operating surface member (2,3) is supported by the first and second cross members in a first configuration (Fig. 1), and the first and support members support the operating surface in a second configuration (see Fig. 2). Casini further shows the use of an additional operating member (2) being proximate to the first operating surface member to function as a seat back and the operating surface member comprising a table configuration (see Fig. 4).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 11-13,24-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Anacker. Anacker shows all of the teachings of the claimed invention except the use welding, bolting or removably attaching the first and second support members and the first and second cross members to the respective side frame members. It would have been an obvious matter of design choice to modify the support members and cross members with use of welds, bolts or allow them to be removable, since applicant has not disclosed that welded, bolted and removable support members solve any stated problem and it appears that the support members and cross members as taught by Anacker would perform equally well. Furthermore, the method steps as recited would have been incorporated within the use of the invention as taught by Anacker.

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*Allowable Subject Matter*

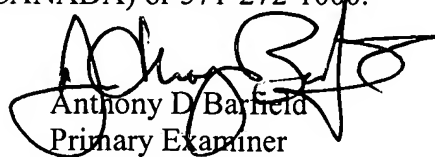
7. Claims 5-6, and 17-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

*Conclusion*

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Reference Nos. 3,233,942 show features of the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony D. Barfield whose telephone number is 571-272-6852. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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